



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ken TAKACHI

Application No.: 10/781,618

Filed: February 20, 2004

Customer Number: 20277

Confirmation Number: 4143

Group Art Unit: 3767

Examiner: Catherine Witczak

For: MECHANICAL LOCKING MECHANISM AND INJECTOR HEAD EMPLOYING THE MECHANISM

FOURTH STATUS INQUIRY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on February 20, 2004. Since more than three and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before April 8, 2005 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits. Further noted is the USPTO communication dated June 8, 2007 indicating that an action was estimated to be issued in this case in three months.

Respectfully submitted,

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